

The Gold Sheet
Scholarship and financial aid advice for East Wilkes Students
March 2020

(All scholarship applications should be typed and printed, not handwritten unless specified)

It's time to file for financial aid!

To get financial aid you must complete the FAFSA. Remember to:

- Use parents completed 2018 tax returns and your 2018 tax returns if you filed
- You will need your FSA ID at www.fafsa.ed.gov and one for a parent.
- Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO GET HELP.**
- **A few colleges also require the CSS Profile form.** In NC- Davidson, Duke, Elon, NC State, Wake Forest and UNC-Chapel Hill require this additional step. Apply on line at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE EASY TO APPLY FOR:

You must have completed the FAFSA

WCC at www.wilkescc.edu under the Paying For College tab. **Application Due date April 15th.**

SCC – See Mrs Mathis for an application. **Application Due date April 15th.**

Retail Pays for College Scholarships

Fifty \$2500 scholarships are available to students who work (or whose parents work) in the retail or grocery industry. Read full details on these scholarships on their website. Information is available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Deadline is March 16, 2020.**

Yadkin Valley Rotary Club awards a scholarship to an East Wilkes High School student who portrays "Service Above Self" in everyday actions as an exemplary citizen and student. See your counselor for a paper application. **Due March 18th.**

Ted G Wilson Memorial Scholarship Foundation – An award of \$1,500 based on academic ability, need and desire to enter the Construction Industry. The application can be found on the WCS Scholarship page. **Application are due to the counselor by March 23rd.**

Whitlow-Osborne Scholarship will award a \$2,000 scholarship for a student entering into an **Emergency Services curriculum.** Awards will be based upon the student's scholastic achievement, intellectual ability, financial need, character, and promise of future contribution to our state and nation. **Applications are due to the counselor by March 23rd.**

The Herman Laffoon TPA Scholarship awards an annual scholarship in the amount of \$750 to a graduating senior from one of three high schools, including East Wilkes. Criteria includes academics, character, extracurricular and community activities, financial need. Three letters of reference are required along with the application. Paper applications in Counseling Dept. **Deadline is March 25th.**

Arlena Barker Creasman Memorial Scholarship

One \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior of Wilkes County, NC, attending any high school including public, private, and homeschooling institutions. The student must be pursuing a human services degree (social work, counseling, sociology, or psychology). Information is available on the WCS scholarship page. **Deadline to turn into your counselor is 3/25.**

Wilkes County Cruisers

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one student from each traditional high school who is planning to pursue a career in a technical field. Successful applicants will be going into a technical field, have at least a 2.0 GPA, complete relevant technical coursework, and must plan to be a full-time student. A complete application consists of: 1) completed scholarship application form; 2) high school transcript; 3) 2 reference letters, one from a CTE teacher and one other reference from either a CTE teacher, school official, or professional supervisor (cannot be a relative or a friend); and 4) a photo so that winner can be released to the media. **All application materials must be returned to school counselor by March 25, 2020.**

Caldwell County Nurserymen Association (CCNA) Scholarships

The purpose of the CCNA Scholarship is to identify and reward ornamental horticulture and landscape students who exemplify scholastic aptitude, positive attitude, and industry potential. Work experience within the industry, leadership ability, and financial need will also be considered. The scholarship is open to any student residing in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, McDowell, or Wilkes County who will be enrolled in a horticulture program at an accredited institution in North Carolina during the next school year. Information is available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Deadline is March 25th.**

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Janice M. Scott by her family following her death in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. To read more about this scholarship, please visit their [website](#). Mrs. Scott was a tremendous advocate for youth and a dedicated supporter of community service in the Greater Washington, D.C. metro area. Three to five \$2500 scholarships are awarded each year. While the primary consideration for the scholarship is financial need, candidates are also evaluated based on academics, community service, and writing skill. Candidates should carefully follow this [criteria sheet](#) and use this [checklist](#) to be sure they have all items complete prior to mailing. Information is available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Deadline is 3/25.**

Students planning to major in business are invited to apply for three local awards presented by the Wilkes Chapter of the **North Carolina Association Educational Office Personnel**. The \$500 Lea Barnes Scholarship, \$300 Elaine Shepherd Scholarship and \$200 Judith Walsh Scholarship will be offered. One application gets you in the running for all three awards. Along with the application; three letters of recommendation and a one-page essay are required. **Deadline is March 27th.**

Retired teachers seek solid seniors for C. B. Eller Scholarship-a \$1,500 award offered by our local retired school personnel and the C.B. Eller Foundation of Winston-Salem. Criteria include academics, leadership, character, extracurricular activities and financial need. Applications are available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Due March 27th.**

NC Community Foundation offers a variety of scholarships from specific funds and criteria. You can access a list of NCCF scholarships at www.nccommunityfoundation.org. The 2019-2020 Scholarship Application period opens February 1st. **Deadlines vary from mid-February to early June.**

- **Don and Carol Pardue Scholarship**

Eligible recipients include graduating high school students from any Wilkes County, NC public high school with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher and a demonstrated commitment to community service, wishing to attend one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina system, or Wilkes Community College. Applicants shall demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Special consideration may be given to students pursuing degrees in Education or to students who are members of United

Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, NC. Go to www.nccommunityfoundation.org under Wilkes. **Due March 27th.**

- **James E and Violet A Carson Scholarship**
Residents of Wilkes County who have been accepted by a post-secondary institution (college, university, technical or community college) and demonstrate a need for financial assistance. First preference will be given to applicants that are members of or children of Cub Creek Baptist Church in Moravian Falls, NC; second preference will be given to applicants in the geographical area of the Moravian Falls community; third preference will be given to applicants in Wilkes County at large. Go to www.nccommunityfoundation.org under Wilkes. **Due March 23rd.**
- **Larry and Diane Stone Scholarship** will award \$1,000 to a Wilkes County high school student. Financial need, GPA and extracurricular activities will be considered. Go to www.nccommunityfoundation.org under Wilkes. **Due 4/1.**

Automotive and collision students can apply for the Automotive Scholarships from the Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium. Over 300 scholarships will be awarded from \$1,000-\$5,000. Apply on line <http://www.automotivescholarships.com>. **Deadline is March 31st**

North Wilkesboro Elks Club Scholarship – The local Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #1846 will offer a \$500 scholarship to one student from EWHS. Online applications are available on the WCS website under Scholarships and paper applications are available in the Counseling Department. **Application deadline is 3/23.**

The **Clingman Community Center** offers a \$1,000.00 scholarship to an East Wilkes High School senior. A quick application will get you in the running. **Due by April 1st.**

The **Gary D Norman and Wade Whitaker Memorial Scholarship** will offer a \$500 scholarship to a EWHS student attending WCC or SCC (preferably pursuing a 2-year degree or certificate program in a technical or trade related program). The student must demonstrate perseverance and dedication. **Due 4/1.**

Kiwanis Key Club Scholarship

A \$600 scholarship will be given to a graduating senior Key Club member at each of the county high schools. The criteria for this award is demonstrated academic excellence, citizenship through service, and leadership. Student must be current member of their school's Key Club to apply. **Deadline to return your application to your school counselor is April 1, 2020, or you can send your completed application directly to the scholarship committee by April 8, 2020.**

Wilkes County Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship will award a \$500.00 renewable scholarship to a senior who has a satisfactory scholastic record, leadership potential and character. Preference will be given to Farm Bureau family members. **Applications are due 4/3.**

Roaring River Ruritan Club awards \$500 to a student with financial need. **Due April 3rd.**
A simple application is all you need to do.

NC Child Support Council Bob McGuire Scholarship will be award 3 (\$1,000.00) scholarships to seniors in NC who will enter a NC college/university in 2019. Parent must be receiving child support for you. Two letters of recommendation and a short essay required. Paper applications available. **Due 4/6.**

Yadkin Valley United Fund Triple “C” Scholarship will award \$1,000 to a EWHS student who demonstrates community service, commitment and caring. Any student with a 2.0 GPA may apply that has performed a lot of community service. Scholarship application available at <http://yadkinvalleyunitedfund.org/> **Deadline is April 6th.**

Justin D. Osborne Memorial Scholarship award will go to a senior involved in the choral department of East Wilkes or the East Wilkes Cardinal’s Tennis Team. The student chosen for the scholarship will be one who shows a love of music or tennis, and for the school and community-characteristics that exemplify the traits evident in Justin’s life. **Application Deadline is April 6th.**

Jimi Jon Memorial Scholarship

\$1000 scholarship established by Project Lazarus. Jon Smithey was a Wilkes County native and talented musician who spent years sharing his musical talents with Wilkes and neighboring communities. Unfortunately, Jon lost his life in 2016 after a lifelong battle with mental health and substance use disorders. To bring awareness to substance use and mental health disorders and the devastating impact that these disorders can have on families, Jon’s brother and the bands he played with started the annual Jimi-Jon Jam Recovery Concert. Now, Project Lazarus sponsors the Jimi-Jon Jam each year to fund the memorial scholarship in order to give one student who has been greatly affected by addiction or mental illness support as they reach for their goals. This is a merit-based scholarship so a 3.0 GPA or above is preferred but not required. Other deciding factors include extracurricular activities, recommendations, awards, honors, and a personal essay explaining how mental health and/or addiction issues have caused you to lose someone important to you. Application is available on the WCS Scholarship website. **Due to your counselor by 4/6.**

WKBC Scholarship

\$5,000 scholarship for a student pursuing a career in broadcasting, marketing, advertising, or a related field. Information available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Applications are due to counselor on 4/6.**

The **Wilkes Art Gallery** offers a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating senior planning to pursue a Visual Arts degree at a two or four-year college. Finalist will be asked to present a portfolio of art work for review. Applications are available from the counselors. **Due date is 4/6.**

Subway employees or children of employees who have worked at least 1,000 hrs over the past year. Application can be found at <https://www.subwaync.com/scholarships> **Deadline is 4/10.**

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)-offers 2 scholarships- a VFW Scholarship and HM3 Christopher W. Thompson Scholarship are for students who are members of JROTC or have a parent or grandparent that is a veteran. Paper applications available. **Due April 24th.**

The **Tom and Nora McCann Scholarship** rewards academic achievement and potential contribution to society. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000.00 to be used for the initial year of college. Applicant must submit a 1,000 word essay, two recommendations, statement explaining educational and career goals, and a copy of FAFSA. Criteria includes a 3.0 GPA, financial need, and involvement in school and community activities. **Deadline to apply is April 24th.**

Wilkes Communications/RiverStreet Networks will award \$1000.00 scholarships to East High students –Your family must receive local telephone service from Wilkes Telecommunications to apply (973, 957, 928, 921, 984 or 990 exchanges). Cellular service at these exchanges does not apply. See Mrs Mathis for details about the online application. **Applications must be submitted by 4/24/20.**

Reevestock Creative Leadership Scholarship awards \$750 to a student planning to attend college in the Fall of 2020. There is a simple application to complete which includes an essay and 2 letters of recommendation. **Applications are due to the counselor April 24th.**

R.L. Melton Agricultural Scholarship will award \$1,000 to a senior in Wilkes County pursuing an Agricultural Degree. **Deadline is 4/24.**

East Wilkes Athletic Boosters Club Scholarship will award two \$500 scholarships for members. You must be a student-athlete and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must submit an essay on “How your life has been influenced by being a student-athlete at EWHS”. **Due 4/24.**

[North Wilkesboro Rotary Club Foundation Scholarships](#)

Two scholarships are available at each of the traditional county high school. The Hugh Martin Scholarship is for students planning to attend a four-year college or university and four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in the county. The Gene Foster Scholarship is for students planning to attend Wilkes Community College (or another community college) and four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Application are available on the WCs Scholarship page. **Deadline for you to return your application to your school counselor is April 27, 2020.**

Roaring River United Methodist Church is taking applications for a scholarship in honor of G. C. Porter in the amount of **\$500 to a student attending a local community college.** To qualify you must submit a short essay on why you are deserving of the scholarship and future plans. **Due 4/27.**

[Charlotte Ellis Scholarship](#)

Established by Ed Ellis, Jr., the Charlotte Ellis Scholarship Fund provides one or two scholarships per year, ranging from \$500 to \$5000 per year, to children of U.S. Military parents or grandparents. Information is available on the WCS Scholarship page. **Due 5/1.**

Preston Roberts Family Scholarship will offer a one-time scholarship to a EWHS senior pursuing a degree in an art related field. Along with the application, the student will need to submit a personal statement and a 10-piece art portfolio. **Due 5/1.**

[NCHSAA Endowed Funds Scholarships](#)

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, there are several scholarships offered to eligible student-athletes. Deadlines fall between November and April and require the submission of a form to the high school counselor to release transcripts to the scholarship committee. Please review all scholarships offered to determine your eligibility.

[National Technical Honor Society Scholarships](#)

There are several different scholarships available to members of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The applications are available September - April each year. Check out their website for details and deadline.

[Winston-Salem Foundation](#)

The Foundation has been providing financial assistance to students for over 94 years and has helped more than 15,000 students attend college. In 2017-2018, the Foundation's 121 student aid funds provided 583 awards totaling \$978,000 in student aid. There are many scholarships available through this site, with applications beginning in January and deadlines of April 1 through July 31. Definitely check this website out to see what might fit for you.

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation offers college Scholarship for students in Wilkes County. Apply online at <https://www.blueridgeenergy.com/community/scholarships>.

Try www.cfnc.org for financial aid and scholarship opportunities

Eunice M Smith Scholarship

Fallen Lineman Foundation Scholarship

Judy Knox Scholarship

Local Government Federal Credit Union Scholarship

NC Reach

NC Sheriffs Association Undergraduate Criminal Justice Scholarship

North State Law Enforcement Officers Association Scholarship

State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) Need and Merit –Based

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

Winston-Salem Foundation

(*This not an inclusive list*)

The Jesse D. and Katie Bundy Scholarship seeks students who are seeking careers in the medical field and plan to work in Wilkes County after their training. The scholarship seeks **students who desire to study in one- and two-year programs for careers in technical and supporting medical fields** -nurse assistant, medical assistant, dental Hygienist, physical therapist assistant, radiology technologist, etc. **The applicant must have been accepted into a program that leads to the medical career before the scholarship will be awarded.** Criteria for the award include personality, character, dedication, academic ability and financial need.

The **North Carolina Sheriffs Association** offers assistance for students studying criminal justice at the state's UNC system schools. First priority is given to the child of a sheriff or deputy sheriff or any child of any law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. Recipients of the scholarship are chosen by the financial aid office at their colleges. Check with any UNC system colleges you may be applying to if you meet the criteria.

American Red Cross High School Scholarship and Recognition Program offers individual scholarships and the Red Cord Honors Program that recognizes students who have given blood at least three times during their senior year. See Mrs. Cooper for details.

Here is one anyone can win! **SunTrust's Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes** will offer a \$1,000 scholarship every two weeks from **NOW through May 13th**. No GPA or financial need required. Just visit www.offtocollege.info and apply online NOW.

Are you a **child of a marine, former marine** and have a family income of \$98,000 or less? You may qualify for scholarship assistance from the **Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation**. Apply on-line www.mcsf.org

National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society

Children of a parent with MS or seniors who have MS may be eligible for scholarship awards up to \$3,000. Eligibility based on financial need, academic record, leadership and participation in school or community activities, and unusual personal or family circumstances. Essay required. For information visit www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship.

American Cancer Society awards scholarships to survivors of childhood cancer. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 or on-line at SA.College@cancer.org

Wal-Mart Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation - various scholarships available at <http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/sam-walton-scholarship.html>. Check requirements and deadlines on the above website.

www.fastweb.com and www.schoolsoup.com have thousands of scholarship. Create an account and begin researching scholarship.

Ask your parents about any scholarships that may be available through work. Scholarship information can be found on the WCs website at <http://www.wilkescountyschools.org/>

Local Scholarships awarded to East Wilkes students.....

Deadlines not yet confirmed

Hunters Helping Kids Carmon Kilby Scholarship-Awards a \$500 scholarship for a student who believes that furthering their education will allow them to better help and serve others. Paper applications available.

The **Adam Settle Memorial Scholarship** awards a \$500 scholarship to a student attending a 4-year college and a \$250 scholarship to a student attending a community college. Students that apply must have 3 courses in art, **or** be an Eagle Scout **or** played a sport 3 out of 4 years in one of the following positions: track team (shot put or 4 by 4), wrestling team, linebacker on the football team.

Craig Shelton Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a senior member of the Varsity Basketball Team who also excels academically. Criteria includes a 3.0 GPA, two letters of recommendation and an essay.

Vulcan Materials is sponsoring a scholarship for \$1000.00 for a student starting WCC in the Fall 2020 in the Diesel/Heavy Equipment program.

Buster Bynum Education Scholarship for a student with a 3.0 GP with a parent that has been employed for the past three years in public school transportation.

The Wilkes County Home Builders Association seeks a senior planning to major in a construction-related area at Wilkes Community College. Financial need, career intention, and academic record will be considered.

Quartersawn Properties Invest in Wilkes Scholarship will offer one year's tuition to WCC for a student pursuing a degree in the Sciences or Medical Field. The student must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need.

Wilkes Community Hero Scholarship will be offered to a member of the current youth philanthropy program (T3LC). The student must demonstrate need, academic achievement, service to others/community and a decision to further their education.

Frontier Natural Gas scholarship is for a senior entering into Science, Business or Engineering school. A one-time \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with a completed application and the best written essay.

Health Foundation's Allied Health Care Professions scholarship offers awards up to \$1,500 scholarships for students interested in health care fields, e.g. nursing with the potential for renewal in subsequent years. **Applicants will need to create an account beginning April 1st** and fill out a very brief letter of interest on line: <http://healthfoundationinc.org>. Once approved, the applicant will receive an email providing access to the full application. Ask your counselor to mail an official transcript. Applications must be received by **June 17th**.

East Wilkes High School Senior Scholarship-This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female who displays achievements and excellence from East Wilkes High School.